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November 14, 2010

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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Acorns on the Ground

"Make Every Day Thanksgiving"

**Thank you, God, for everything—
 The big things and the small,
 For every good gift comes from
 God—**

**The giver of them all,
 Too often we accept without
 any thanks or praise
 The gifts God sends as blessing
 each day in many ways,
 O, make us more aware, dear
 God, of little daily graces
 That come to us with sweet
 surprise from never-
 dreamed –of places,
 And help us to remember that
 the key to life and living
 Is to make each prayer a prayer
 of thanks and every day
 THANKSGIVING.**

By Helen Steiner Rice

the day of Thanksgiving. But Thanksgiving is more than just one day. We are to be thankful to God everyday of the year. God does not bless us only one day a year. God is gracious and God blesses us everyday.

Therefore, we must be thankful all the time November 25 is Thanksgiving but let us truly strive to give thanks each day for all that God blesses us with. God bless everyone and live a thankful life,

Randy



The month of November is a very special month because we observe

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NOVEMBER 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CWF-- Service 10a	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Prayer Circle CWF -Visitation 1p Meet for lunch at 11a	10	11	12	13
14 7p Co Church	15 No Bible Study	16 CWF - Love Meals 10a	17	18	19	20
21 Thanksgiving Dinner 4p	22	23 CWF - No Mtg.	24	25 Thanksgiving CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26	27
28	29	30 General Mtg. 6p				

Schedule of Events

- November 7 - Bread Sunday and Board Meeting. after service.
- November 14 - Meeting in Sanctuary if lights are working.
- November 14 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH
- November 14 - A Season of Thanksgiving for Higher Education Offering.
- November 21 - A Season of Thanksgiving for Higher Education Offering
- November 21 - Thanksgiving Sunday Dinner . National Bible Week Begins, Fall Stewardship Emphasis Ends
- November 25 - Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed
- November 28 - Advent Begins

- CWF Bible Study - Mon 6:00 p
- Pastor's Bible Study - Thurs 6:30p
- CWF-- (See calendar)
- NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**
 - 1 - Joe Mizula
 - 4 - Wesley Hudson
 - 8 - Al Green
 - 12 - Charles Slocum
 - 13 - Kathy Sanders
 - 15 - Jacob Salinas
 - 17- Louise Pitts
 - 18 - Nancy Green
 - 19 - Rod King
 - 20 - Jessica Luna
 - 22- Susan Hirt Dyes

- 23 - Carolyn Anderson
- 25 - Marion Dixon, bill Odena
- 26 - Michael Simons
- 27 - Don Whitley
- 30 - Amber Leissner, Lance Leissner
- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 5 - Joe and Jimmye Saldivar
 - 7 - Al and Charlotte Leissner
 - 8 - Chris and Kathy King
 - 16 - Keith and Sherri Murray
 - 22 - Jose Louis and Jennifer Salinas
 - 27 - Bill and Verna Odena
- Church Office Closed on Fridays.
- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

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Announcements, Nurturing Updates, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report
ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational Meeting of Oaks Christian Church will meet immediately after church on November 14, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Elect officers for 2010
2. Approve budget for 2011
3. Approve the covenant between Oaks Christian Church and Iglesia Cristiana Renovada Scion.

All items have been approved by the Oak Christian Church 2010 Board. **Albert Green, Board Chairman**

Fellowship Committee, Barb Scantlin



December 19th we will have a Family Festival in Kirchner Hall starting at 4p.m. Bring your friend and family to make different Christian ornaments at several tables from 4-5p.m. At 5-6 p.m.

a light supper will be served followed at 7 p.m. by the Live Nativity. We need people to volunteer to man a craft table and to stand in the Live Nativity. It'll be a great fellowship time for all of us during the Christmas Holidays. Talk to Barb Scantlin if you'd like to help with the crafts or Live Nativity.

MANNA Report

Three of our church members were among the twenty-five people who volunteered to work for four hours at the Houston Food Bank. We were able to get about 13 pallets of food free for MANNA. That was over 400 banana boxes of food! That's one way we are supporting MANNA. You can help by bringing your non-perishable food to Oaks on the first Sunday of each month.



CHRISTMAS CARD

This year we are reviving one of Oaks pervious traditions. Each family brings or mails one Christmas Card to the church and makes a donation to the Giving Tree instead of mailing cards to their church friends. The cars will be place on a tree for all to share. The donations will be used to buy gifts for the children we will be sponsoring for Christmas. We hope to have the Giving Tree up before Thanksgiving.



Barb Scantlin ,

On November 21st will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 4 p.m. We will serve Ham for a meat and everyone is asked to bring a side dish that goes with Ham or a dessert. If possible please, let a CWF lady know if you are planning to attend and the number of your party. This will help in seating arrangements.

Following the Dinner is the Community Thanksgiving Worship at St. Matthew's at 7 p.m. Our Oaks Choir will be participating. So come and eat and then worship with your community neighbors.

Nurturing Circle Updates - October

Prayers

October - Leroy Rogers, Verna Odena, Al Green

Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

October Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of September	Sunday School	Church Attendance
October 03, 2010	20	54
October 10, 2010	21	58
October 17, 2010	15	45
October 24, 2010	15	53
October 31, 2010	19	56
TOTALS	90	266

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	July - 10	August- 10	September -10
Deposits	10,092.58	12,211.50	7,928.00
Disbursements	(11,491.46)	(9,855.81)	(9,890.54)
Difference	(1,398.88)	2,355.69	(1,962.54)

Year-to-date there has been \$11,500 transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover Operating expenses.

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FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information
Contact**

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(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

**Peanut butter,
spaghetti or noodles,
can meat and can
potatoes.**

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**

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Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Board Happenings -

Albert Green, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:

**There will be a General Board Meeting, November 7, 2010
after church. There will also be a Congregational Meeting,
November 14, 2010 after church.**

Thank you.